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The Roles of Women on the Ranch

Ladies' Grazing Workshop provides valuable information

By Paul Chomos

Thirteen enthusiastic ranch women from across southwest Saskatchewan gathered at the Spring Valley Guest Ranch near Ravenscrag for the Saskatchewan Watershed Authority's second annual Ladies' Grazing Workshop this summer.

"The purpose of the workshop was to provide women with a wide variety of practical and interesting sessions to help them make economic and environmental improvements to their operations," said Krista Connick, an Agrologist with the Saskatchewan Watershed Authority.

"Each topic during the workshop was presented to specifically address the needs and interests of women ranching in the southwest."

The Ladies' Grazing Workshop included native plant identification and field tours.

Attendees enjoyed brilliant sunshine and informative discussions during the first day, with presentations on grazing principles, drought management strategies, and species at risk. The afternoon included a seeded forage selection field tour, led by Julie MacKenzie from the Frenchman-Wood River Weed Management Area. Following supper, attendees were treated to poetry and a ranch history presentation by local storyteller Doris Bircham.

On the second day, attendees took part in a native plant identification exercise and learned more about maintaining and improving the health of tame pasture. Just before lunch, the ladies took part in a group discussion on the roles of women on the ranch. During the session, several different roles were listed, including haying, yard chores, livestock handling and book keeping. Out of the list, the roles identified as being the most important in their day-to-day lives were yard and garden maintenance, moving, sorting and processing cows, child care, fencing, book keeping, and off-farm income earner.

"The discussion of what roles women play in ranching was very eye-opening," said Tami Reynolds, a rancher from the Consul area.

"It made me realize just how multi-faceted our roles are. Sometimes you may not realize all that you contribute. As well, the session provided a great opportunity to talk with other ranching women in the community and discuss their activities, something that our busy schedules don't always allow."

Connick, who led the session, added: "We also had an interesting discussion around the importance of off-farm income. It may take you away from ranch work, but it provides valuable income to keep the ranch running!"

The last day of the workshop ended with a presentation on succession ranch planning by Ralph Howes and Gerry Holland, both with the Ministry of Agriculture. This crucial process involves the transfer of knowledge, skills, labour, management, control and ownership of the ranch business from one generation to the next.

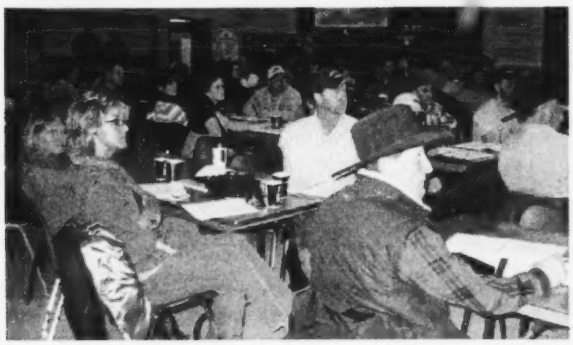
"I found that the succession planning session was quite valuable," said Reynolds. "They provided the tools needed to deal with what can potentially be a difficult and emotional process."

"This is our second annual Ladies' Grazing event in the southwest, and we look forward to continuing in the future," said Connick. "We hope that the attendees left with a greater appreciation of their operations and an expanded understanding of their day-to-day roles on the ranch."

What's New?

Take a look at some of the upcoming events and new projects and programs available from the Saskatchewan Watershed Authority and our partner agencies . . .

Upcoming Grazing Conference to Feature Practical Solutions for Livestock Producers



Livestock producers face a variety of challenges, yet in spite of this, many ranchers and industry professionals have developed methods for long-term perseverance. An upcoming conference, *Foraging Into the Future V: Practical Solutions for Livestock Producers*, will feature tried and true ideas which can enhance profitability on livestock operations.

This two-day event will be held in Swift Current on December 10 and 11, 2008 and will feature local researchers and producers, as well as experts from across North America such as Jim Gerrish, a well-known grazing management consultant. The topics that will be covered include getting the most out of your pastures, practical pasture monitoring tools, purchasing winter feed, stock water quality, calving date comparisons, local forage research, invasive plant management, and vaccination protocols.

Registration for the two-day conference is only $60/person. A limited number of tradebooths are still available for businesses to promote their products. For more information, contact Tara Mulhern Davidson, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada-PFRA at (306) 778-5000 or Trevor Lennox, Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture at (306) 778-8294.

Support for this event is provided by the Southwest Forage Association, the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, Ducks Unlimited Canada, and the Saskatchewan Watershed Authority.

Wetland Restoration in the Lower Souris River Watershed

Construction will begin this fall on several wetland restoration projects in the Lower Souris River watershed. The Saskatchewan Watershed Authority and Ducks Unlimited Canada have partnered together to restore a total of 155 wetlands back to their original hydrology.

The Lower Souris River watershed covers over two million acres. Recent inventories have shown the watershed has about 350,000 wetlands, either intact or that have been cultivated through - about one wetland per every seven acres.

Through the project, seven landowners have signed agreements to restore wetlands that have been previously drained. The agreements specify that the ditch plugs will remain in place for 12 years. The cost of the $50,000 project is being covered by the Saskatchewan Watershed Authority through the Canadian Wildlife Service and Wildlife Habitat Canada, and by Ducks Unlimited Canada.

For more information, please contact Etienne Soulodre, Senior Agrologist with the Saskatchewan Watershed Authority, at (306) 787-0661.

PCAB Launches Watershed Awareness Initiative

Watershed Awareness Initiative

The Provincial Council of Agricultural Development and Diversification Boards Inc. (PCAB) recently launched a new initiative aimed at increasing producers' awareness of the environmental impact of their management practices.

A team of watershed advisors will be available to provide technical and coordination support to interested individuals within a given area who want to become more aware of and involved in identifying and addressing potential issues in their local watershed. These advisors will help locals understand what a watershed is, how it functions, and how they impact it. They will also help producers form a group that can help other producers in the area learn what they can do to protect their watershed from negative impacts.

In addition to spreading awareness, PCAB will also encourage the establishment of Agri-Enivronmental Group Plans within the targeted areas. Agri-Environmental Group Plans provide funding and technical assistance for producers who want to adopt beneficial management practices, and also help align individual actions in a given area to achieve a positive cumulative effect.

For more information on this initiative, please contact Jody Oliver, PCAB Watershed Awareness Coodinator, at 1-866-298-7222 (ext. 202).

Farmers Recognized As Watershed Stewards

By Sheldon Kyle and Angela Bethune

Although no farmer would likely say they practice stewardship of their resources for the recognition, recognition is just what several families in the Lower Souris River watershed received over the summer.

The Lower Souris Watershed Committee Inc. is a non-profit watershed stewardship group operating in the southeast corner of the province. Three smaller advisory committees – Four Creeks, Antler and Pipestone – make up the Board of Directors for the Lower Souris Watershed Committee. Each year the three committees select a recipient of their respective stewardship awards, recognizing the contributions of those helping to protect the vital water and land resources in the Lower Souris region.

Antler River Stewardship Recognition Award

This year's Antler River Stewardship Recognition Award was presented to Trent and Carolyn Walls.

Trent and Carolyn Walls with daughters Shaelyn and Mckenna
Photo courtesy Lower Souris Watershed Committee Inc.

The Walls' operate a third-generation, century award family farm near Alameda, with a breeding herd of 175 cows and 1,700 acres of forage. The setting is prairie – postcard perfect as you approach, and on the surface, visitors may expect to find just another typical cow/calf operation. But the Walls are eager land managers with a dynamic operation and are willing to adopt new agricultural practices into their long-term plans.

For instance, the Walls' have taken great care to establish a rotational grazing system to avoid overgrazing, improve forage health, and hopefully help secure feed availability in periods of drought. The herd is kept out on pasture year-round, using a variety of grazing tools such as bunch piles, bale grazing and stock piled forage during the winter months. The Walls' also installed a network of shallow buried pipelines to fill in gaps where natural and existing water sources didn't exist.

These management practices are not only helping the Walls' meet their goal of building a sustainable and enjoyable agricultural operation, they are also protecting the quality of the water sources in the area.

Four Creeks Stewardship Recognition Award

Maureen McKegney-Clay (centre) receives her stewardship award from Four Creeks Watershed Advisory Committee members (l-r) George Howden, Jim Lorette, Bob Merideth, and John Thiessen.
Photo courtesy Lower Souris Watershed Committee Inc

Maureen McKegney-Clay is the chosen recipient of this year's Four Creeks Stewardship Recognition Award for her years of service in protecting the area's source water.

Prior to her retirement this summer, Maureen was employed by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada – Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration. She was an integral part of the Inter-Provincial 4 Creeks Watershed initiative, which was formed between rural municipalities in Saskatchewan and Manitoba in 2002. And she and her husband Roger also make source water protection a priority on the farm they own and operate near McTaggart.

Back in 2005, Maureen was key in helping the 4 Creeks Watershed Advisory Committee establish Canada's first Agri-Environmental Group Plan. She was also a strong supporter of the Lower Souris Watershed Committee initiating an Ecological Goods and Services pilot project, examining how to assign value to ecological functions and how to encourage people to protect those functions.

Today, Maureen continues to provide invaluable support to the Lower Souris Watershed Committee, and is a strong advocate of the idea that local people know what they need and good decisions should be based on that local knowledge.

Pipestone Stewardship Recognition Award

The site of Wes and Val Pranke's runoff control project, northeast of Wapella.

The winners of the 2008 Pipestone Stewardship Award are Wes and Val Pranke.

The Pranke's operate a feedlot and a cow/calf operation northeast of Wapella, alongside a seasonal creek which flows into the Pipestone Creek. Currently their feedlot has capacity for 1,200 head, with room to expand up to about 2,300 head. They also have 200 beef cattle and run a custom feed operation.

In March 2007, the Pranke's completed an Environmental Farm Plan, and decided to implement some practices to control runoff from their feedlot pens and improve their holding ponds. They had their feedlot surveyed by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada – Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration, and worked with an engineer from the Ministry of Agriculture to design a runoff control project. Berms were then constructed to direct runoff from the feedlot to an evaporation pond north of the pens

This new system ensures no uncontrolled runoff from the feedlot will enter the creek. This runoff may transport nutrients and other potentially hazardous products to surface and groundwater supplies. The Pranke's work will help keep nearby surface water safe from being impacted during spring snowmelt and heavy rainfall.

North Saskatchewa Source Water P

In September 2008, the participants in the North Saskatchewan River watershed planning process celebrated the launch of the North Saskatchewan River Watershed Source Water Protection Plan. This ambitious plan was developed by local residents, serving as members of Watershed Advisory Committees, over a period of more than four years. Their efforts were supported by the Saskatchewan Watershed Authority and other agencies.

Before it was finalized, the plan was reviewed by the public at a series of open houses held this Spring. A non-profit corporation, the North Saskatchewan River Basin Council, has been established to oversee the implementation of the 145 key actions contained within in it.

Copies of the North Saskatchewan River Watershed Source Water Protection Plan can be obtained by contacting:

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Congratulations on a Job Well Done!

The completion of this plan would not have been possible without the understanding, perseverance and dedication of the Watershed Advisory Committees and the advice and information provided by the Technical Committee and the Planning Team. The members of the committees are:

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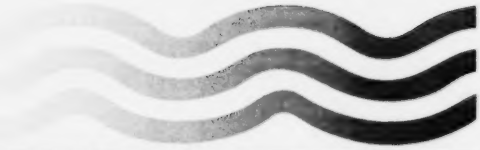

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Studying Agricultural Impacts on Surface Water

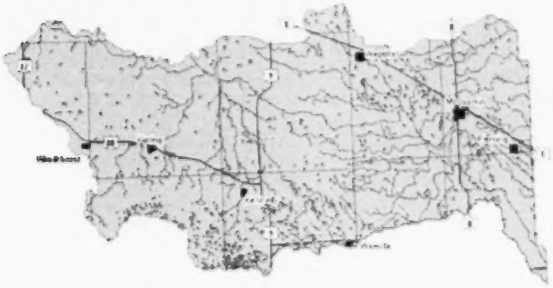
A new study being conducted by the Saskatchewan Watershed Authority is taking a closer look at how different agricultural land uses and practices influence water quality.

"There are many things that can have an impact on water quality, all of which can be broadly divided into two categories: point source stressors and non-point source stressors. Many agricultural impacts are due to non-point stressors," says Dr. John-Mark Davies, Water Quality Scientist with the Watershed Authority.

"With non-point source stressors, the stressor typically occurs over a large area, making it difficult to establish direct links between activities on the land and the quality of the water. That in turn makes it difficult to accurately compare the water quality benefits of one type of land use over another."

Most studies in Saskatchewan examining the links between agriculture and water quality have focused on more intensive activities, such as intensive livestock operations or irrigation. Until now, little has been done to examine what effect less intensive activities have on our water resources.

So the Watershed Authority launched the study in the summer of 2006, with funding support from the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture and the Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration. Their goal was to scientifically document the link between water quality and agricultural practices.



The Pipestone Creek subwatershed was the site chosen for the study. This area covers approximately 4,500 km².

The research team chose to conduct the study in the Pipestone Creek subwatershed in the province's south-east corner because it has several tributaries with reliable flows and a diversity of agricultural practices happening alongside them. There were also a considerable number of landowners in the area who had implemented various beneficial management practices, giving the researchers a chance to gather real, first-hand data on the effects of these management practices.

Saskatchewan Watershed Authority staff measure flow rates and collect water samples during spring runoff.

Next, the team examined air photographs and satellite imagery of the area to determine exactly what kinds of land cover were present. They also conducted a survey of approximately 140 local landowners to find out how they were using their land. That included asking producers about things like fertilizer application rates, stocking rates on range land, tillage, yield, and so on.

"The idea is to take a balanced look at how people are using their land, from a more holistic perspective. That means not only focusing on inputs, such as fertilizer applications, but also taking into account how much of those inputs are being used up by the crop so that when we compare that with water quality tests, we get a much clearer understanding of which practices are working well and which aren't," says Ashley Lundgren, an Ecologist with the Authority who helped lead the field research.

Over the past two summers, the team performed riparian health assessments alongside 11 distinct stream courses in the study area, as well as along Pipestone Creek itself. They also measured stream flow and sampled water quality in those same water bodies.

The researchers even looked at what kinds of bugs were living in the streams, since the presence of certain insect species and the numbers they are found in can tell scientists a lot about the quality of the water.

"Once we analyze the data, we will get a better understanding of which beneficial management practices are the most effective for protecting and enhancing surface water quality," Davies says.

The study will continue over several years so that longer-term variations, such as those associated with changes in climate, can be better understood.

Program Provides Relief to Southwest Producers

In southwest Saskatchewan, water quality and quantity continually present challenges to livestock producers.

"Where we live, with sandy soils, having a consistent water supply is a constant concern," says Krista Connick, an Agrologist with the Saskatchewan Watershed Authority who lives in the Tompkins area. "The past few years have been particularly dry, and on our home quarter we've seen a drastic drop in ground water supplies. Our original well, which hit water at about 10 feet, is now dry."

Initiated in June of 2008, the Farm and Ranch Water Infrastructure Program can provide much-needed assistance to southwest Saskatchewan farmers and ranchers in times of low water supplies. The $6 million program, along with $9 million through the federal government under AgriRecovery, is the result of a collaboration between Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada - Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration, the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture, the Saskatchewan Authority of Rural Municipalities, and the Saskatchewan Watershed Authority.

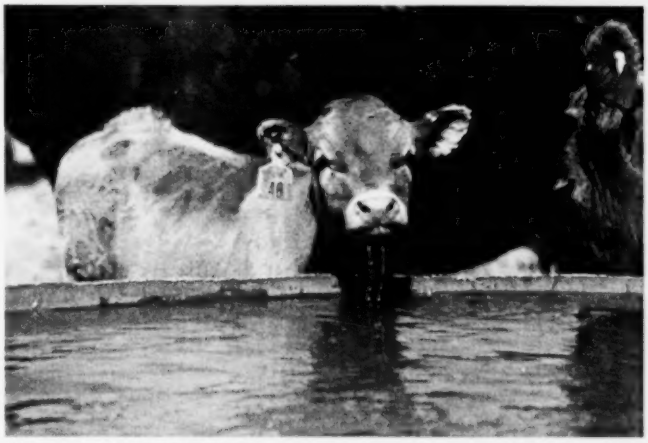


Photo courtesy of Ducks Unlimited Canada

"The program was developed with the goal of providing emergency water supplies in areas of extreme drought identified in the southwest of the province, and to promote water sustainability in the region," said Gord Hagen, Acting Manager of Regional Operations with the Saskatchewan Watershed Authority in Swift Current. Hagen provides technical support for the program, and is a member of the Program Board.

The focus of the on-farm component of the program is on developing water infrastructure that will meet the needs of individual ranchers and farmers within the designated drought region. Funding is available for the establishment of small-diameter and large-diameter on-farm wells, and for shallow or deep buried pasture pipelines and dugouts.

The program also applies to the development of community wells. Rural Municipalities within the designated drought region that develop a community well are eligible. Groups of individual producers are not eligible and must turn the project over to the Rural Municipality to develop for public use in order to qualify.

Community wells and on-farm projects can be funded through the program only if they reduce the risk of future water shortages and result in a long-term water supply solution. As well, they must be scientifically, technically and financially feasible while enhancing the potential for rural economic growth.

The amount of funding available varies depending on the nature of the project. Rural Municipalities that develop emergency water sources for producers are covered up to 65% of the eligible costs to a maximum of $10,000. Grants for up to 65% of eligible costs are available to individual farmers and ranchers within the region who develop long-term sustainable water sources.

In addition, individual projects are automatically eligible for a top-up under the program if approved through the Canada-Saskatchewan Water Supply Expansion Program (CSWSEP).

Grants of up to 85% of eligible costs for the development of long-term sustainable water sources are available to RM applicants. These projects are also automatically eligible for a top-up once approved through CSWSEP.

"I strongly encourage producers in the southwest who are experiencing water shortages or who want to ensure the sustainability of their water supplies to apply for this program. The cost-saving opportunities available through this program are outstanding," said Hagen.

For more information on the program or to apply, contact the Ministry of Agriculture toll free at **1-877-874-5365**.

Hello Voluntary Stewards!

Thank you for taking the time to read the Fall 2008 edition of the Prairie Update! As always, we hope you have enjoyed the articles included in this newsletter, and we welcome any comments you have. And of course, our sincere thanks go to those who agreed to share their stories with us in these pages.

We particularly hope you enjoyed our article on our second annual Ladies' Grazing Workshop. This event is providing farm and ranch women with tools they can use to improve their operation, with their specific needs and interests in mind. And on top of that, it's also a fun and stimulating two days!

You can find more information on the Saskatchewan Watershed Authority's Prairie Stewardship Program in back issues of this newsletter. These issues, as well as interactive maps featuring other stewardship project demonstration sites, can be viewed on our website at **www.swa.ca.**

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